



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 22, 2024

**DATE:** September 18, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept the FY 2025 Joining Forces award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, 25% In-Kind county match required] to cover overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the grant term of date of authorization through September 30, 2025 and if approved, direct Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

This grant has been awarded to cover overtime costs allowing our agency to participate in the various traffic enforcement events that are pre-scheduled annually by Joining Forces, as well as limited travel expenses.

Joining Forces is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement program that promotes statewide enforcement in the areas of impaired or distracted driving, pedestrian safety, speeding and seat belt use, of which the Washoe County Sheriff's Office is a participating agency. The Joining Forces program is overseen by the State of Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). Their office administers the grant funding and subawards to participating agencies.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability: Efficient delivery of regional services or Economic Impacts or Vulnerable Populations or Innovative Services (see Goals here:

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On November 14, 2023, the Board accepted Item 9.H.2., Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

On November 15, 2022, the Board accepted Item 9.I.1., Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel.

On September 14, 2021, the Board accepted Item 6.G.3., Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel.

On September 8, 2020, the Board accepted Item 5.G.1., Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel.

The Board has been approving Joining Forces funding from the State of Nevada for traffic events and limited travel since 2013.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant with the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety to continue to conduct traffic enforcement checkpoints and enforcement events throughout Federal FY 2025. This grant will pay for overtime costs incurred by commissioned staff for enforcement efforts that are scheduled by Office of Traffic Safety throughout the grant period of date of authorization through September 30, 2025. This funding also pays for limited travel costs to specific events as approved by the grantor.

### **GRANT AWARD SUMMARY**

**Project/Program Name:** *Joining Forces 2025*

**Scope of the Project:** *Conduct traffic enforcement events and checkpoints*

**Benefit to Washoe County Residents:** *Safer roads for our community, and a reduction in accidents.*

**On-Going Program Support:** *N/A*

**Award Amount:** *Total \$64,000.00*

**Grant Period:** *Date of authorization -09/30/2025*

**Funding Source:** *US Department of Transportation*

**Pass through From:** *State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety*

**Assistance Listing #/CFDA:** *Multiple for this award, depending on type of enforcement activity: 20.608 (164 funds); 20.600 (402 funds); 20.616(e)(405 DD)*

**Grant ID Number:** *JF-2025-WCSO-00063*

**Match Amount and Type:** *25%, in kind of actual expenses reimbursed (up to a total \$16,000) 25% in-kind and cash match will be met with straight time hours worked during each event. Required match will be tracked separately in internal order number 70529.*

**Sub-Awards and Contracts:** *None*

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board accept this grant award and approve these amendments, the FY25 Sheriff’s Office adopted budget will be increased by \$64,000.00 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
IO 12435 – FY 25 Joining Forces 402	431100 – Federal Grants	\$27,000.00
IO 12435 – FY 25 Joining Forces 402	701300-Overtime	\$25,500.00
IO 12435 – FY 25 Joining Forces 402	711210-Travel	\$1,500.00
IO 12433 – FY 25 Joining Forces 164	431100 – Federal Grants	\$25,000.00
IO 12433 – FY 25 Joining Forces 164	701300-Overtime	\$25,000.00
IO 12434 – FY 25 Joining Forces 405	431100 – Federal Grants	\$12,000.00
IO 12434 – FY 25 Joining Forces 405	701300-Overtime	\$12,000.00

- *25% match required*
- *Indirect costs are not allowable on this grant award as no salary or wages are included in the grant budget.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners to accept the FY 2025 Joining Forces award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, 25% In-Kind county match required] to cover overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the grant term of date of authorization through September 30, 2025 and if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: “Move to accept the FY 2025 Joining Forces award from the State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety [amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, 25% In-Kind county match required] to cover overtime costs related to conducting traffic enforcement checkpoint events and limited travel expenses, for the grant term of date of authorization through September 30, 2025 and if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments; and authorize Sheriff Balaam to execute grant award documents.”